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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND DEPARTMENT  
OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO DEDICATE NEW 15,000 SQUARE FOOT  
GYMNASIUM AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT EL CARISO PARK**

(SYLMAR, CA) – A new 15,000 square foot gymnasium and community center will be dedicated by Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at El Cariso Community Regional Park located at 13100 Hubbard St. Sylmar, CA 91342.

The \$11.5 million project was the success of a joint effort by the County of Los Angeles Third Supervisorial District, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Public Works. The beautiful mission style facility boasts a large, natural light filled gymnasium featuring two electronic scoreboards and room divider which will allow multiple activities to take place. The building also features a large multipurpose room, classroom with computer stations, full kitchen for community events and activities, restrooms, staff office, and lobby. Visitors are greeted in the lobby by three large hanging sculptures of swirling bronze olive leaves in a piece of civic artwork by Los Angeles local artist Cliff Garten. The artwork was commissioned by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission specifically for the new gymnasium and community center.

The County of Los Angeles is proud to add the new El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center to its growing list of Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) certified projects. Receiving LEED Silver certification for its energy efficient design, the facility makes use of energy and water efficient features such as use of day-lighting, trellis sun shades, motion detected lighting, drought tolerant landscaping, and water efficient irrigation. With sustainable design allowing for less energy and water use, the new gymnasium and community center will save taxpayer dollars as it provides local residents with increased recreational opportunities.

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